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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5627

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL STUTTGART PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 7323

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, LE, GR

SUBJ: BEIRUT EVACUATION

REF : A. STATE 177933 (NOTAL), B. BEIRUT 6418 (NOTAL)
C. ATHENS 7289, D. BEIRUT 6423 (NOTAL), E. BEIRUT 6428

1. POSTPONEMENT HAS GIVEN US OPPORTUNITY AT ONE MORE
ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE GOG OFFICIALS OF ADVANTAGES THEY
WOULD ACCRUE BY LETTING US USE MILITARY SIDE OF HELLENIKON
AIRPORT. OUR ATTEMPT NOT SUCCESSFUL, AS GOG SEEMS TO
HAVE TAKEN FIRM POSITION THAT THEY CAN AND WILL RECEIVE,
AND THAT WE CAN JOINTLY PROCESS, EVACUEES EFFICIENTLY.
WE SEE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY FURTHER PURSUIT. CON-
SEQUENTLY, ATHENS 7289 REMAINS IN EFFECT.

2. FOR BEIRUT: WE WILL BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE THE
1,500 LBS. OF FILES, FILMS AND WHATEVER.

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3. LOCAL ONA REPRESENTATIVE HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE

WILL OBTAIN ATHENS AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE.

4. ATHENS HOTEL SITUATION REMAINS VERY TIGHT, CHANGING ALMOST HOURLY. AS SOON AS WE KNOW NEW EVACUATION DATE, WE WILL TIE UP ROOMS THEN AVAILABLE. OBVIOUSLY, WE WILL GLADLY RECEIVE WHATEVER ADVANCE INFO MAY BECOME AVAILABLE TO BEIRUT OR DAMASCUS ON HOTEL NEEDS OF PASSENGERS.

5. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME LAST- MINUTE INFORMATION/GUIDANCE/REQUEST FOR ATHENS. IF SO, WE SUGGEST USE OF TELEPHONES. EMBASSY TEL NUMBER IS 712 951--ASK FOR EXTENSIONS 248, 249 OR 288, WHICH WILL BE MANNED DURING HOURS OF EVACUATION AND UNTIL AFTER DISPATCH OF ARRIVAL CABLE TO ADDRESSEES. WE PLAN TO LIST ALL AMCITS IN THIS CABLE SO THAT DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO FIELD STATESIDE INQUIRIES.
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